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letter “D” within a circle, or the symbol *D*;

(2) The year of the date on which protection for the design commenced; and

(3) The name of the owner, an abbreviation by which the name can be recognized, or a generally accepted alternative designation of the owner.

(c) *Distinctive identification.* Any distinctive identification of an owner may be used for purposes of paragraph (b)(3) of this section if it has been recorded by the Register of Copyrights pursuant to §212.5 before the design marked with such identification is registered.

(d) *Acceptable locations of notice.* The following are acceptable means of affixing and placement of a design notice:

(1) In close proximity to the hull identification number required by 33 CFR 181.23;

(2) In close proximity to the driver’s console such that it is in plain view from the console;

(3) If the vessel is twenty feet in length or less and is governed by 33 CFR 183.21, in close proximity to the capacity marking; and

(4) In close proximity to the make and/or model designation of the vessel.

§212.5 Recordation of distinctive identification of vessel hull designer.

(a) *General.* Any owner of a vessel hull may record a distinctive identification with the Register of Copyrights for purposes of using such distinctive identification in a design protection notice required by 17 U.S.C. 1306. A distinctive identification of an owner may not be used in a design notice before it has first been recorded with the Register.

(b) *Forms.* The Copyright Office does not provide forms for the use of persons recording distinctive identifications of ownership of a vessel hull. However, persons recording distinctive identifications are encouraged to use the suggested format available on the Copyright Office website (<http://www.loc.gov/copyright/vessels>).

(c) *Recording distinctive identifications.* Any distinctive identification of an owner of a vessel hull may be recorded with the Register of Copyrights provided that a document containing the following is submitted:

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(1) The name and address of the owner;

(2) A statement of the owner that he/she is entitled to use the distinctive identification;

(3) A statement or depiction of the identification; and

(4) The recordation fee in the amount prescribed in §201.3(c) of this chapter.

(d) The document should be mailed to: Dept. D-VH, Vessel Hull Registration, P.O. Box 71380, Washington, DC 20024–1380.

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§212.6 Recordation of transfers and other documents.

The conditions prescribed in §201.4 of this chapter for recordation of transfers of copyright ownership and other documents pertaining to copyright are applicable to the recordation of documents pertaining to design protection of vessel hulls under 17 U.S.C. chapter 13.

§212.7 Reconsideration procedure for refusals to register.

The requirements prescribed in §202.5 of this chapter for reconsideration of refusals to register copyright claims are applicable to requests to reconsider refusals to register vessel hull designs under 17 U.S.C. chapter 13, unless otherwise required by this part.

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§212.8 Correction of errors in certificates of registration.

(a) *General.*

(1) This section prescribes conditions relating to the correction of clerical or typographical errors in a certificate of registration of a vessel hull design, under section 1319 of title 17 of the United States Code, as amended by Public Law 105–304.

(2) For the purposes of this section, a *basic registration* means registration of a vessel hull design made under sections 1310 through 1314 of title 17 of the United States Code, as amended by Public Law 105–304.

(3) No correction of the information in a basic registration will be made except pursuant to the provisions of this